

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 13, line 10, as follows:

Incidentally, as shown in Fig. 2, the control unit 201 comprises as functional blocks an image data storing memory 202, an image data cutting out unit 203, a document discriminating dictionary unit 204, a data comparison unit 205, a threshold setting unit 206, a document determination unit 207, a definition storing unit 208, a definition storing table ~~244~~ 209, a character recognition unit ~~209~~ 210 and a character recognition result storing unit ~~240~~ 211.

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 23, line 3, as follows:

As a result, at the character recognition unit ~~209~~ 210, this definition information and the character information described on the document whose image data is read with the image data reader 101 which is stored in the image data storing memory 202 are recognized and the character information as the result of recognition is stored in the character recognition result storing unit ~~240~~ 211.